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The news update from the boss



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1934, 1948, 1968.

CENTRAL LEAGUE CHAMPIONS: 1955.



PHIL NEAL

We welcome the fans back to Burnden Park for the start of a new League season. I understand that they probably feel there has been very little change on the playing staff since last time.

David Burke has returned for his second spell at the club and I'm sure he'll be an asset as we aim to improve on last season's performance.

But we've also seen a few youngsters come to the fore, particularly Mike Jeffrey and Alan Stubbs and a few others will be introduced to offer us

more options along the way. Overall, though, I am confident that we'll have learned from last season's experience and with the odd slice of good fortune we'll have something to celebrate.

Nevertheless, we have been trying to compete in the market and we will continue to compete—and for that we will need your continued support.

I believe we have the best travelling support in the Third Division—we've seen that already with our games at Shrewsbury and Huddersfield. We can't do anything without your support, either home or away. You have been supportive through good times and bad and it is my intention and the intentions of my players to do our utmost to bring success to the club.

We will endeavour to play the football you require as entertaining to reward you for your valued and continued support.

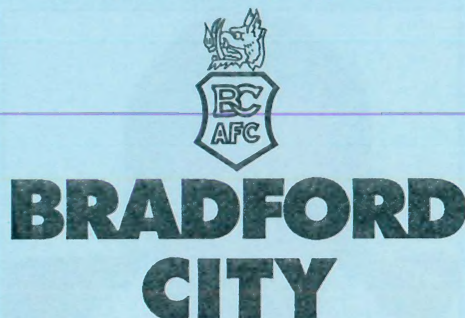


VISITORS REVIEW

An update of todays opposition

Bradford City open Burnden's league programme for the new season and we take this opportunity of welcoming their players, officials and supporters. The bantams are facing their first season in the Third Division for six seasons after being relegated, in 23rd position, from Division Two at the end of last term. A miserable away record was the chief reason for City's demise, with only eight points gained on their travels. Indeed, you have to go back to 22nd April 1989 for Bradford's last away win, when goals by Quinn and Palin earned a 2-1 victory at Portsmouth, 26 league games ago.

Nine points adrift of safety at the end, City also had problems scoring goals, with only 44 goals in 46 league games. Top scorer was Jimmy Quinn whose tally of six remained at the top of the list despite his mid-season transfer to West Ham United. Since the end of the season Mark Aizlewood, Peter Costello and Dave Evans have also left Valley Parade as manager John Docherty re-shapes his side for the challenge ahead. Docherty, the former Millwall boss,



fact file

Season	Div.	Pos.	Lgo Cup	FA Cup	Most Apps	League Top Scorer
1985-86	2	13th	2	3	Litchfield 42, Jackson 42, Hendrie 42	Abbott 10, Campbell 10, Hendrie 10
1986-87	2	10th	4	4	Evans 42, Hendrie 42	Hendrie 14
1987-88	2	4th	5	5	McCall 44	Futcher 14
1988-89	2	14th	5	4	Mitchell 45	Quinn 8
1989-90	2	23rd	2	3	Sinnott 45	Quinn 6

was appointed on 20 March to replace Terry Yorath, but had precious little time to arrest City's slide. Relegation was even more of a surprise when you consider that only two seasons previously, City came close to earning a place in the First Division for the first time since the early 1920's.

Last Saturday, Bradford's League campaign began disappointingly with a 1-2 home reversal against Tranmere Rovers. It was an eventful debut for new signing Sean McCarthy, who scored a goal, missed a penalty and was then sent off for a second bookable offence.

Last Season
Division Two P46
Home W9 D6 L8 F26 A24
Away W0 D8 L15 F18 A44;
41 pts: (23rd-Rel.)
Most League Appearances:
Sinnott 45, Tomlinson 41, Aizlewood 39, Tinnion 37, Abbott 35, Mitchell 32 + 3.
Most League Goals:
Quinn 6, Adcock 5, Tinnion 5, Leonard 5, Jewell 4.

Goalkeeper Paul Tomlinson made his league bow with Sheffield United in 1983-84 and joined Bradford City in 1987 after spending some time on loan at Birmingham. The 26 year-old has been a regular in his three seasons at Valley parade.

Brian Mitchell is a 27 year old defender who joined Bradford from Aberdeen in the 1986-87 season. The Stonehaven-born Mitchell, who made 65 appearances in six seasons with the Dons, has already played 139 league games for City. Former Newcastle defender Brian Tinnion moved to Valley Parade two seasons ago. The 22 year old, who hails from Stanley, is nearing his 100th league appearance, having been a regular



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An update of today's opposition

with his new club. Gavin Oliver is a 27 year old defender who has been a mainstay of the City rearguard since moving from Sheffield Wednesday in 1985-86. After making his league debut in 1980-81, Oliver spent loan spells at Tranmere and Brighton before his transfer to Valley Parade brought him regular first-team football for the first time. 25 year old Lee Sinnott is a former Walsall and Watford defender who has missed only a handful of games since joining Bradford in 1987. He is only two appearances short of 250 in league football.

New skipper at Valley Parade is recent signing Robbie James. The 33 year old midfielder, with 47 Welsh caps, made his league debut for Swansea in 1972-73 moving on to Stoke in 1983 then QPR and Leicester before returning to the Vetch midway through 1987-88. He made his debut for Bradford last Saturday, his 643rd league appearance (125 goals). Greg Abbott is a 26 year old Coventry-born old field man. An apprentice at his home town club, Abbott tasted league football for the first time on moving to Valley pa-



BACK ROW-left to right:- Neil Woods, Scott Baird, Peter Jackson, Gavin Oliver, Lee Sinnott, Brian Tinnion, Sean McCarthy, Mark Leonard, Brian Mitchell.
MIDDLE ROW:- Steve Smith (Youth Coach), Greg Abbott, David Campbell, Lee Duxbury, Michael McHugh, Paul Tomlinson, Mark Evans, Martin Pattison, Mark Stuart, Tony Adcock, Craig Taylor, Bryan Edwards (Physiotherapist)
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rade in 1982-83 and has been a regular member of the side ever since, passing the 250 league game milestone late last season. Lee Duxbury is a 20 year old midfielder who came up through the trainee ranks at Bradford, making his league debut two seasons ago. Last term he spent some time on loan to Rochdale.

22 year old Bridgend born striker Sean McCarthy is Bradford's major close season signing. The former Swansea and Plymouth forward is now beginning his sixth season in league

football, having scored 45 goals in 162 league games so far. Mark Leonard made his name with non-league Witleton Albion and joined Everton in 1981. The 27 year old St. Helens-born striker tasted league football for the first time on loan to Tranmere and then moved to Crewe and Stockport before joining Bradford early in the 1986-87 season. He has scored 64 goals in 255 league games. Mark Stuart is a 23 year old Hammersmith born forward who played formerly for Charlton and Plymouth Argyle before

moving to Bradford during the close season. Last season he had a loan spell at Ipswich. He made his City debut last Saturday. Striker Tony Adcock, the subject of recent transfer speculation, made his name as one of the lower division's most lethal goalscorers at Colchester United, scoring 98 goals in 210 league games. After a short spell at Manchester City, he moved on to Northampton before joining Bradford last season. He has the impressive tally of 138 league goals in 335 games behind him.



NEWS DESK UPDATE

The latest club news and views

MAILBAG

Dear Mr Porter,
I have been meaning to write to you since the end of last season and I would like to ask if you could include my letter in your opening programme for the forthcoming campaign.

After the game at Bolton Wanderers I made certain comments in the paper about the crowd jeering and directing abuse at Phil Neal and I must say that I have had numerous letters from your supporters. Two in particular were from Mr Coughlin and Mr Ramsden, both stating that it was only a small minority from the Manchester Road end and the majority on the Burnden side; the rest of the ground backed the Manager and the team with tremendous support.

I was also reported as saying that I would rather be at Notts than at Bolton, it was then pointed out to me that I obviously lacked ambition if this was the case, when the average gate at Bolton far exceeds anything at Notts County.

I would like to apologise to the 99% of your supporters and just add that it was only a quick comment directed at the small minority.

I'd also like to wish everyone at Bolton, including Phil Neal, staff, players and supporters every success for the coming season, and I hope that Bolton will gain promotion at the end of this campaign.

Yours sincerely,

N. Warnock-Manager
Notts County Football Club

PRE-SEASON GAMES

The Wanderers opened their campaign with visits to two non league clubs. On 31st July a short trip up the M6 was made to Lancaster City who play in the first division of the HFS Loans League.

Steve Thompson scored the first goal of the season after eleven minutes with a close range shot after Julian Darby had headed on an Ian Griffiths cross.

In the 34th minute Phil Brown rattled home a 20 yarder and the second half was only two minutes old when he headed home a Tony Philliskirk cross for Bolton's third.

Three minutes later Barry Cowdrill, who had come on as a substitute at the interval, hit a long range effort into the net and almost immediately Lancaster went up to the other end and reduced the arrears through Wayne Aspinall.

Things then settled down but Alan Stubbs made his first team debut one to remember when he



Action from the pre-season game at Lincoln United

made it 5-1 with a header from a right wing corner with six minutes remaining.

Team: Felgate, Brown, Burke, Griffiths, Came, Winstanely, Green, Thompson, Reeves, Philliskirk, Darby. **Subs:** Stubbs, Crombie, Cowdrill, Storer, Jeffrey, Fisher, Comstive, Clarke - all used.

On the 7th August a trip was made over the Pennines to play Midland League Side Lincoln United, managed by Dean Crombie's brother Allen.

It was a competitive encounter with United making the Wanderers work hard for their 3-0

win. Barry Cowdrill opened the scoring in the 14th minute with a close range shot after the home keeper had failed to hold a Tony Philliskirk effort.

Scott Green headed the second goal in the 62nd minute, converting a David Burke cross and twelve minutes from time David Reeves opened his account with a shot on the turn from the edge of the penalty area.

Team: Felgate, Brown, Cowdrill, Burke, Came, Crombie, Green, Thompson, Reeves, Philliskirk, Darby. **Subs:** Winstanely, Stubbs, Storer, Jeffrey, Griffiths, Clarke - all used.

Wanderers and Lincoln United before they went into action

(Photos—Terry Sandell-Codd)





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EXTRA PROMOTION PLACES PROVIDE ADDED INCENTIVE

Following the change in League Regulations this summer, more promotion places are available this season than ever before. A total of thirteen promotion positions are on offer in the Second, Third and Fourth Divisions while at the top of the First Division entry to European Competition should make the contest all the keener.

The play-off system and three points for a win, means that more clubs are involved in the promotion race right up to the final stages of the season. The added incentives on offer this season should see the competition at the top of the divisions even more intense than before.

PROMOTION AND RELEGATION SEASON 1990/91

Div. 1—(Two down) Bottom two clubs relegated.

Div. 2—(Four up two down) Top three clubs automatically promoted, plus one from next four placed clubs via the play-offs. Bottom three clubs relegated.

Div. 4—(Five up none down) Top four clubs automatically promoted, plus one from next four placed clubs via the play-offs. No relegation. Football Conference Champions promoted to Football League.

NEW SEASON KICKS OFF WITH BBC RADIO 5

Top BBC Radio sports presenter John Inverdale introduces BBC Radio 5, the new sports network on air from Bank Holiday Monday, August 27th, 1990.



Can it really only be seven weeks ago that we all bemoaned Maradona as the wind blew him over again, and the referee awarded yet another free kick?

Is it only seven weeks since we shared Gazzas's tears and rage at the penalty shoot-out system?

It is. And here we are on the eve of a new season. Players straining at the leash and supporters eagerly clutching their season tickets. Managers promising so much, but already preparing the excuses for when injuries, bad refereeing and an unlucky fixture list combine to leave them near the foot of the table.

There is us in the media. We too get excited, especially those of us involved in the launch of a new sports network—BBC Radio 5 on 693 and 909 MW.

It's a bit like being the assistant manager who is finally allowed to take over in his own right. The team is the same, the ground is the same and the turnstiles still creak because no one's oiled them for years.

BBC Radio Sport will still be on the same wavelength and the Sport's Report signature tune which you'll hear on the way out of the ground tonight will still be with us next week, as it has been for 40-odd years. But the team on Radio 2 will become the team on Radio 5—a sports team with higher expectations—and that's where the pressure is.

We're excited. Radio 5 will be the most comprehensive radio sports network in the world. Broadcasting all major national and international sporting events, extensive football coverage—including midweek matches—and regular sports bulletins seven days a week.

Can we deliver the goods? The pre-season training has gone well, there's a good spirit among the lads (and lasses) and we'll be giving it 100 per cent every time we go on air. So tune in as normal—this time into a brand new network at the beginning of a brand new season.

John Inverdale.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY NAT!

Congratulations to our own Nat Lofthouse who was 65 last Monday.

FIRST LIVE GAME OF THE SEASON CONFIRMED

I.T.V.'s 'The Match' begins its exclusive live coverage of this season's Barclays League Championship with the Liverpool versus Manchester United game at Anfield on Sunday 16th September, kick-off 3.00 p.m.

LEAGUE GATE RECEIPTS HIT HIGHEST EVER LEVEL

Gate receipts from Barclays League matches last season reached record levels with the 2036 regular season games generating income of £87.2 million—up nearly £15 million on the previous campaign's total. The figures show that the average admission price in the Barclays League last season was £4.48



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LOOK BACK IN TIME

Reports and events from years past

1st SEPTEMBER

1894—The opening day of the league season saw Stoke visit Pikes Lane. The visitors held a half time advantage but a 2-2 draw resulted with Handel Bently and Dai Jones scoring for the Wanderers. The overall attendances on the opening day came to 93,000 some 11,000 up on the previous season.

1900—Bolton's team of 4 Englishmen and 7 Scotsmen went down 1-0 at Burnden to Derby County, the crowd of 10,872 paying receipts of £274.

1913—George Lillycrop, Bolton's new record signing for £1300 from Barnsley, made his debut but it turned sour as Sheffield Wednesday won 1-0 at Burnden with the winner coming seven minutes from time.

1919—Two Joe Smith goals, one from the penalty spot, put Bolton in command against Cardiff at Burnden. Dick Pym saved a Jack Evans penalty but late goals from Davies and Hardy gave the Welshmen a point.

1934—Two goals from Jack Milsom defeated Bury before a 17,245 crowd at Burnden although his second to secure the points didn't come until 30 seconds from time.

1951—A Nat Lofthouse goal gave Bolton the points in the home game against Manchester United, the crowd of 55,477 set a new post war best as the Wanderers went to the top of Division One.

1965—Crystal Palace were defeated 3-0 at Burnden with goals from Francis Lee (penalty), Wyn Davies and Gordon Taylor.

1973—The Wanderers celebrated their return to Division Two with a single goal victory over Hull City in



BRIAN KIDD

SCORED A LEAGUE CUP GOAL ON THIS DAY IN 1981.

their opening home fixture. Roy Greaves scored the goal.

1976—Two Neil Whatmore goals gave Bolton a 2-1 win at Bradford City in the second round of the football league cup. Joe Cooke scored for a City side who were then in the Fourth Division.

1981—Goals from Brian Kidd and John Thomas gave the Wanderers a 2-1 first leg advantage to take Oldham Athletic into the first round

of the League Cup. Paul Atkinson replied for Oldham.

1984—A Kevin Wilson hat trick sent Bolton to a 3-2 defeat at Derby County. Tony Caldwell and Jeff Chandler with a penalty were the Wanderers goal-getters whilst the crowd of 11,478 at The Baseball Ground was the largest that Bolton played in front of during 1984/85.

AWAY TRAVEL

The Travel Club are taking bookings for the League match at Huddersfield on Saturday, 8th September. The coaches leave at 1.00 p.m. and the price is £3.00.

Programmes 80p.

Seating £6.50 — £3.50

Standing £4.00 — £2.50

TRAVEL INFORMATION

Exit M62 junction 23 and take A640 or A62 into town centre. Follow Leeds (A62) signs into Leeds Road.

GROUND FACILITIES

Ground Capacity: 18,000

Seating Capacity: 6,000

Food & Drink: Snack bars throughout

Family Facilities: Location of Stand: Leeds Road end (Cowshed) Capacity of Stand: 1,900

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Wheelchairs: Accommodated in disabled section in Main Stand

Disabled Toilets: Yes

The Blind: No special facilities

Club Shop:

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Away Supporters Sections: Dalton Bank Terrace (open)

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MATCH PHOTOS

The latest BEN action from the game

The Lancashire Cup found its way to Burnden Park for the second time in three seasons with plenty of pointers in view for what the future may hold.

The defence conceded only one goal in four games and with Alan Stubbs making his debut, and performing well, there is now more competition for places.

A goalless draw at Wigan Athletic was hardly a classic to open the competition but the Wanderers were never really put under any pressure and the result was an improvement on last term when the homeside won 1-0.

Two Tony Philliskirk penalties defeated Blackpool at Burnden leaving the Wanderers needing to defeat Burnley at home in the final group game. They had an extra point by virtue of scoring three goals against Wigan.

Youngsters Alan Stubbs and Mike Jeffrey came into the side for the injured Mark Winstanley and Tony Philliskirk and both played their part in a 3-0 win.

Stuart Storer, Steve Thompson and David Reeves were the scor-



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ers as Bolton recorded their best win in the competition since it was reintroduced in 1982.

The final proved to be more of a tester, especially when Graham Shaw fired Preston in front, but again the Wanderers stuck to their task by taking the trophy with a 2-1 win.

David Reeves was on the mark with both goals, his first coming six minutes after North End had taken the lead, the winner arriving only four minutes from time after the striker capitalised on a mis-take by keeper Alan Kelly.





PROMOTIONAL SIDE

An update of the fund raising activities

Hello once again and welcome to the new season. Hopefully you've all had a nice break during the close season enjoying the warm summer weather. As usual the Commercial Department has been very busy with the day to day activities of fund raising, whether it be the new Goldline Daily Draw or Life-line lottery tickets, as well of course selling the various Match or Ball sponsorships, advertising boards around the ground and programme space.

The success of the Commercial Department here at BWFC is the envy of many other clubs in the League and our ideas are usual followed by other clubs who have sought our help and advice.

A new exciting step launched just last week was a brand new lottery ticket which will feature one giant prize match game which in addition to a top prize of £5,000 or a Vauxhall Nova Car will have winners of £1000, £500, £100, £50, £5, with a minimum win of £1 all for just 50p a ticket.

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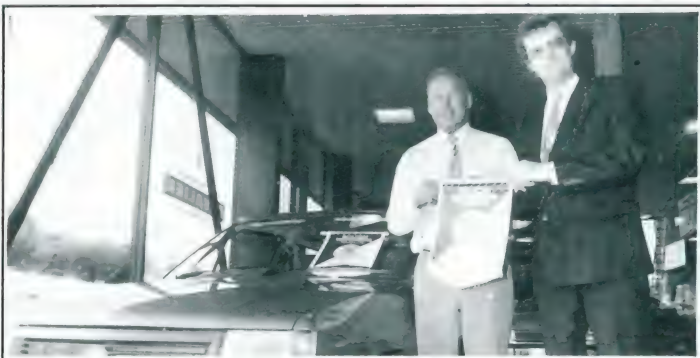
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Harry Bowers, Managing Director Kirkby Central receives B.W.F.C. shield from Nai Lofthouse, president of B.W.F.C. (Photo by Peter Harbour)



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An update of the fund raising activities

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TODAY'S MASCOT



NICHOLAS HUNT

Nicholas will be 7 years old on Monday. He goes to Daisy Hill C.P. School. He has been a member of Junior Whites since he was three years old; this is the first time he has been picked as Mascot. His favourite player is Tony Philliskirk.

JUNIOR WHITES NEWS

Training sessions are once again in full swing every Friday night at the Burnden Sports Centre behind the Burnden Stand. Applications can be made to join the Junior Whites by writing to Geoff Lomax, Football in the Community, Burnden Park, Bolton.



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IN CONVERSATION

A look at some of the great soccer stars

FRED HILL

During a skilful playing career Freddie Hill served Bolton Wanderers, Halifax and Manchester City. His services to Bolton have been rewarded by a benefit year some twenty years after his playing career had finished and that's all down to his former teammate Francis Lee who remembered Fred never taking up the option two decades ago.

Fred is well respected around town and likes to be associated with 'gradely folk'. Special testimonial events are taking effect and two weeks ago the Fred Hill Golf Classic was staged at the Old Links Club when celebrities and businessmen formed teams of four.

The day was atrocious and someone remarked that Fred had certainly given us a day to remember. Phil Neal and Mick Brown took part in a Bolton Wanderers team. Comedian Eddie Large accompanied Jimmy Frizzell, Roy Little and Glyn Pardoe in a Manchester City team. "They asked me if I would



FRED HILL

like to play for Manchester City. I gratefully agreed—but they never told me it was playing golf. Anyway its the first time there's been a Little and Large playing for City" grinned Eddie.

Other ex-players who took part included Willie Morgan, Francis Lee, Tony

Hateley and Wyn Davies. A special cabaret event was held last Thursday at Rumworth Labour Club where a local comedian Ricky Livid topped the bill. A packed audience showed their appreciation to the former Wanderer.

Looking back over his glittering career

that won England recognition Fred talked about his superstitions before and after every game. He said "There was always certain things I would do and my dad once told me that I had a little habit as I walked on the pitch although he never told me what it was". There is a lot of superstition in football and Fred would do the same thing week in week out if he'd had a good game on the Saturday. He said, "If I'd been to the cinema on the Friday before having a good game the following day, I would go to the pictures the next week and that would be the routine until I had a bad game."

Nowadays Fred and Francis Lee are in the same team again at F. H. Lee Ltd but Franny is the gaffer. "I've worked for Franny for a few years now" said Fred.

During the course of this season there's going to be some interesting events coming up and you'll have a chance to join in and support a chap who has entertained us in years gone by.



PLAYER INSIGHT

An interview with one of the Burnden team

ROBBIE SAVAGE



We start off this new series of Player Insights with the fan's favourite Robbie Savage, who of course is currently fighting to regain full fitness after his horrific compound fracture of the leg injury last April.

He began his footballing career at Liverpool joining them straight from school, where he worked his way through the Youth and Reserve sides without actually making a first team appearance. While at Anfield he was loaned out to Third Division Wrexham where he stayed for a full season becoming leading goalscorer and something of a hero with the Racecourse crowd, unfortunately for them they couldn't afford to make the deal permanent and he returned to Anfield.

Robbie had a fine pre season run with the Reds scoring what Mark Lawrenson claimed in his autobiography was "the best goal he had ever seen", with—believe it or not—his right foot! On a tour of Hong Kong and looking as if he could be in Liverpool's first team plans when First Division Stoke City moved in for him and he was on his way to the Victoria Ground. He played only seven games with the Potteries side although strangely enough he states that he made his debut for them at Everton and played his last game for them at Liverpool.

Robbie's next port of call was Bournemouth where he

CAREER RECORD

FOR BOLTON

	<u>League</u>	<u>FA Cup</u>	<u>Lge. Cup</u>	<u>Lev-DAF</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
	<u>Apps</u> <u>Goals</u>	<u>Apps</u> <u>Goals</u>	<u>Apps</u> <u>Goals</u>	<u>Apps</u> <u>Goals</u>	<u>Apps</u> <u>Goals</u>
1987-88	39 5	2 -	- -	3 -	44 5
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1989-90	9(3) -	- -	2 1	- -	9(3) 1
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PLAYER INSIGHT

An interview with one of the Burnden team

spent a very enjoyable three seasons helping to transform a struggling outfit to eventual 3rd Division champions. He played over 80 games for the South coast side before being tempted back North by today's visitors Bradford City. Trevor Cherry was at the helm at Valley Parade at that time but within two weeks of Robbie joining he got the sack and although he enjoyed his spell there he played just eleven first team games for the club.

Ironically it was Bolton Manager Phil Neal, a former team mate of Robbie's back at Anfield who secured the signing of the likeable Scouser for the Wanderers nearly three years ago. His debut was against Halifax here at Burnden Park who at that time were captained by a certain Phil Brown and Robbie recalls an eyeball to eyeball confrontation with Phil during that game but thankfully no grudges were held between the two; it even causes quite a chuckle between the two these days.

Robbie's experience and influence on the side paid

off during the Wanderers' short spell in Division Four culminating with his priceless goal at Wrexham which secured promotion back to the Third Division. The season after saw him realise his ambition of playing at Wembley in the Sherpa Van win over Torquay and of course last season he had just regained his first team place after injury when tragedy struck with the broken leg.

Although it looks like he will need another operation on the leg shortly, he is working hard on his fitness in the gym every day with hopefully looking for a return to action around next March. Thanking supporters for all their cards and get well greetings he would like a special thanks to his family and in-laws, especially wife Pam who has had to put up with hell for the last couple of months as well as looking after the three kids David, Hayley and James.

Robbie is right behind the lads as they go into action confidently predicting a successful season but make no doubt about it he



wants his place back when he's fully recovered and that's good news for the Burnden Park faithful.

Delight for Robbie Savage as he celebrates Bolton's third goal against Rochdale last season with striker David Reeves.

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RESERVES NEWS

A look at the club reserves

The reserves and youth teams preparations for the new season haven't produced many good results but nevertheless there have been some encouraging performances that bode well for the next nine months.

On August 2nd Wanderers youth team defeated Wigan 3-0 and the same night a strong reserve side visited neighbours Horwich RMI.

The HFS Loans leagueside contained a number of players who at one time or another have worn a Bolton shirt namely Simon Sharrock, Brian Hart, Ian Mulineux, Jon Senior, Darrell McCarty, Tommy Smith and Paul Booth.

Three goals in the final ten minutes of the first half put Bolton in command. Firstly Neil Fisher shot home after a good run down and left by Ian Griffiths and then Paul Comstive headed home the second. On the stroke of half time keeper Simon Sharrocks could only help a shot from Nicky Spooner into his own net.

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RESERVES NEWS

A look at the club reserves

pulled one back for RMI but ten minutes from time the Wanderers made it 4-1 when Brian Hart turned a Nicky Spooner cross into his own net.

TEAM:

Clarke, G. Brown, Hughes, Spooner, Stubbs, Crombie, Fisher, Comstive, Jeffrey, Storer, Griffiths. Subs: Henshaw for Storer, Moore for Stubbs.

A last minute goal from Mike Jeffrey have a young Bolton team a 1-1 draw in a competitive game at Atherton LR before the reserves next outing at Darwen.

It was a disappointing performance as the home side ran out 2-0 winners yet there were enough chances missed to have won the game.

TEAM:

Clarke, G. Brown, Hughes, Spooner, Stubbs, Crombie, Henshaw, Comstive, Jeffrey, Storer, Griffiths. Subs: Fisher, Bentham for Crombie.

The youth team suffered defeat at both Leeds and Blackpool on successive days but the reserves put up an impressive



NEIL FISHER

Scorer of the Reserves opening goal of the season at Horwich RMI.

performance in their next outing at Hyde United.

Although a single first half goal settled the issued in favour of Hyde, who included ex Wanderers Graham Bell and Chris O'Brien, Bolton created and missed chance after chance as the home goal led a

charmed life.

The plastic pitch didn't appear to cause the Wanderers many problems and if this standard can be kept up we should be in for an interesting season in the Pontins Central League.

TEAM:

Clarke, G. Brown, Hughes, Spooner,

Stubbs, Crombie, Henshaw, Comstive, Jeffrey, Storer, Fisher. Subs: Bentham for Stubbs, Edge for Spooner.

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August
27 Bradford C. H

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5 Barnsley H

11 Preston N.E. A

19 Burnley H

26 Notts County H

October

3 Scunthorpe Utd. A

10 Middlesbrough A

17 Blackpool H

24 West Brom. Alb. A

31 Scunthorpe Utd. H

November

5 Mansfield T. A

14 Grimsby T. H

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28 Mansfield T. H

December

5 Port Vale H

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30 Preston N.E. H

February

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20 Hull City A

27 Port Vale A

March

6 Oldham Ath. H

20 York City H

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THIS SEASON Match Day programmes around the 92 league clubs will overall show some substantial increases in price.

Last Saturday at Shrewsbury we found a 20p increase from last season moving from 60p to 80p but to be fair the programme did increase in size from 24 to 32 pages. An attractive colourful cover brought us an issue which had its pluses and minus a good range of interesting articles but also a bland use of a number of pages which let down the overall feel of the programme.

The coverage of the Wanderers was quite good with 3 pages spent reviewing the team and giving us a run down on the history of the Club.

The overall view of the programme—plenty to read, quite well designed and certainly not the worst we will encounter on our travels this season.

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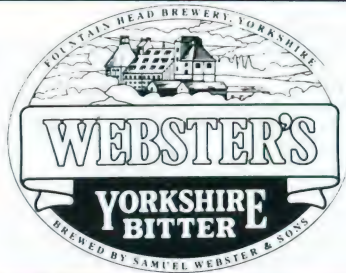
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SAFE HANS

A lighthearted look at football

Welcome back after the summer break—and what a hot one it's been with a scorching July which made it even harder for the lads when they returned for the dreaded pre season training.

After the disappointment of losing out in the end of season play-offs we begin to day with the first of our 23 home league fixtures and what a tricky looking one with relegated Bradford sure to provide tough but attractive opposition. The West Yorkshire outfit will probably be one of the favourites for an early return to the Second Division but as we can tell them the Third Division is a tough League with consistency and staying power the order of the day.

Moving onto lighter subjects and low and behold, it's only a few weeks away from our visit to near neighbours Wigan Athletic who

... the Third Division is a tough League



had everyone here at Burnden Park very concerned when they went missing on a pre season tour to the Soviet Union. No one had heard from the party during their two match tour, even the agency who sent them lost contact and I am led to believe that the headlines in and around the Wigan area were 'Pie men lost in Salt Mines' can't be right surely!

Fortunately boss Bryan Hamilton played down the big worry by revealing it was just a communication problem, they were just unable to get through to Wigan. Both games ended in defeat for the Latics but my contacts over there informed me of a good showing from the Wigan lads with recent signing David 'Super Sub' Fairclough opening his goal scoring ac-

count for his new Club. The other interesting aspect to come out of this tour was the chance of signing a couple of players from the Soviet Union. One of them in particular 'Ivor Legoff' was said to be very useful, although rumours have it he can only play with the one leg.

Enough of this joking, we all know it's only pie in the sky and they'll be taking the Mickey out of us next summer after our pre season tour of Albania or should that be Atherton.

Enjoy the game today, get behind the lads and let's look forward to a long and successful season; by the way, you'd better take advantage of this tee-shirt weather while you can because don't forget the cold, rain, sleet and snow will be with us before we know it.

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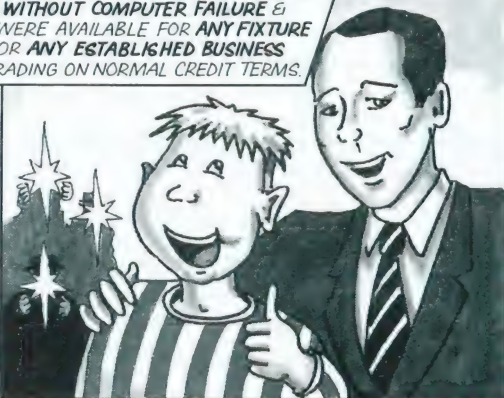
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A look back at the recent past

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The Wanderers first met Bradford City in November 1903 when a 3-3 draw resulted at Valley Parade in a second division encounter. All City's goals that day came from centre forward Thomas Drain whilst it was two efforts from Bob Taylor and one from Walter White that found the target for Bolton.

City's first visit to Burnden the following April was decided by an own goal from a visiting defender. This proved to be Bolton's only success in the final 11 league games of the season with the FA Cup proving to be the greater attraction—losing out in the final to Manchester City.

It wasn't until the seventh attempt that City recorded a Victory at Burnden. In November 1914 they won 5-3, four of their goals coming from Ollie Fox, the other



Neil Whatmore (partly hidden) heads past City keeper Eric McManus in March 1984 but the goal is disallowed and City go on to win 2-0.

from former Wanderer Shepherd. Joe Smith hit two of the Bolton goals, one from the penalty spot, the other scorer being David Stokes.

Fox had repeated his four goal feat of exactly one year earlier when he had helped City to a 5-1 home win against Bolton.

Since the war the clubs have met on only six occasions in the league and all have been at Third Division level. At Valley Parade the Wanderers have won two of three visits in

this sequence. Goals from Don McAllister, Stuart Lee and Ralph Wright earned a 3-0 success in May 1972, whilst in September 1983 Tony Caldwell hit his first league goal and Simon Rudge also found the target in a 2-0 win.

At Burnden it is Bradford who have held the upper hand in recent meetings with the Wanderers failing to find the net in the last three encounters.

In March 1972 a goalless draw resulted and in March 1984 goals from

Bobby Campbell and John Hawley ended any Bolton hopes of a late promotion push. In May 1985, on City's last visit, Bobby Campbell and Stuart McCall gave them a 2-0 win on their way to collecting the Third Division championship.

Our overall League record against Bradford City is as follows:-

	P	W	D	L	F	A
Home	15	7	5	3	25	15
Away	15	3	3	9	22	34
Total	30	10	8	12	47	49



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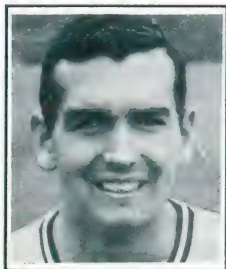
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John Napier came to Burnden from Lurgan Schools in Northern Ireland and signed professional forms in September 1963. The Centre half made his debut when 18 years old in April 1965 and a year later won his only international cap against West Germany in Belfast.



JOHN NAPIER

In August 1967 he moved to Brighton, making 219 league appearances, and in October 1972 joined Bradford City where he made 106 appearances before ending his league career in 1975.

BW Record	Apps	Goals
1964-65	2	0
1965-66	43	0
1966-67	29	2
Total	74	2

After a spell in the North American Soccer League he returned to become Manager at Bradford and was succeeded in that position by George Mulhall who was later to become Manager at Burnden.





SEASON BY SEASON

A look back at years gone by

1920/21 SEASON

The rules were once again amended for the 1920/21 season with no offside to be awarded from throw ins. The Wanderers went into the transfer market and broke their record by paying Luton Town £2,500 for full back John Elvey. Goalkeeper Fred Hinton was also signed from Southern Leaguers Swindon Town.

Only one defeat in the opening six games made Bolton one of the favourites for the title. Manchester United were beaten 3-2 at Old Trafford, Previous season's champions West Brom and Aston Villa were beaten 3-0 and 5-0 respectively, both at Burnden.

The Wanderers continued to strengthen their side when the Club's transfer fee record was again broken in signing Bolton born forward David Jack from Plymouth Argyle.

Attendances were on the up with the first four home league games attracting an average of 38,380, 5,000 more than any for the previous seasons gates.

On Christmas day Sunderland were beaten

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6-2 at Burnden with Joe Smith netting four to head the first division scoring chart with 22 goals. On New Years Day he hit another, the winner from the penalty spot against Spurs at Burnden before 53430, in what was Walter Rowley's benefit. The blue shirted Wanderers thus gained revenge for a 5-2 defeat at White Hart Lane a fortnight previous.

Bolton entered 1921 2nd in the first division and all energies were put towards it when Preston on a first round cup tie by 2-0.

The Wanderers gained revenge with a 2-1 league win at Deepdale a month later thanks to a couple of Frank Roberts goals although an injury to Alec Donaldson, in which he fractured a kneecap, quietened the celebrations.

After a 2-2 draw at Bradford City the Wanderers then visited league leaders Burnley. The homeside had gone 26 games without defeat but found themselves a goal down at the interval from Frank Roberts. The leaders struck back in the second half and ran out 3-1 winners following this up a week later with a 1-1 draw at



Fred Hinton - Goalkeeper signed from Swindon Town.

1920/21 SEASON

Burnden. These results virtually crushed Bolton's championship aspirations but they battled on until the end losing only 3 of the last 13 games.

The first of these defeats came by a single goal at Newcastle where the team heard on the way to the game that the General Strike had been

lifted.

On 30th April Joe Smith equalled the football league record of 38 goals in a season held by Bert Freemans who established that number in 1908.

Smith scored twice in a 3-2 win over Liverpool at Anfield to equal the record the victory also put the Wanderers into

the Lancashire Cup semi finals as they had taken maximum league points from both Liverpool and Everton with whom they were grouped.

The League season ended with a 2-0 reverse at Aston Villa where a win would have given Bolton the runners up spot. They had, however, to settle for third spot thus equalling their best ever league position.

The Manchester Cup was won for the third time with a 2-0 win over Manchester United at Burnden, David Jack netting both goals. The Lancashire Cup however went to Manchester City who defeated the Wanderers 2-1 in the final at Old Trafford.

During the season the Wanderers produced an income of £43,700 of which £672 was profit. The first division leaders in profit were Tottenham with a figure of £16,592 whilst only Derby County and Oldham Athletic showed losses on the season.

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RESULTS

A look at the games played

	Score	Att.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
AUGUST											
25 Shrewsbury T.	1-0	4,608	Felgate	Brown	Burke	Cowdrill	Came	Winstanley	Green	Thompson	Reeves
29 Huddersfield T. (Wed)	3-0	4,444	Felgate	Brown	Burke	Cowdrill	Came	Winstanley	Green	Thompson	Reeves
SEPTEMBER											
1 BRADFORD C.											
4 HUDDERSFIELD T. (Tue)											
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29 Birmingham C.											
JANUARY											
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5 EXETER C.											
12 Bradford C.											
19 SHREWSBURY T.											
25 Crewe Alex. (Fri)											
FEBRUARY											
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13 Exeter C. (Wed)											
16 GRIMSBY T.											
23 Reading											
MARCH											
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19 BURY (Tue)											
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Bristol R.	46	15	8	0	43	14	11	7	5	28	21	87	
Bristol C.	46	15	5	3	40	18	12	5	8	36	24	83	
Notts C.	46	17	4	2	40	18	8	8	7	33	87		
Tranmere	46	15	5	3	54	22	8	6	9	32	27	80	
Bury	46	11	7	5	35	19	10	4	9	35	30	79	
Bolton	46	12	7	4	32	19	6	8	9	27	29	68	
Birmingham	46	10	7	6	33	19	8	5	10	27	40	67	
Huddersfield	46	11	5	7	30	23	6	9	8	31	39	66	
Rotherham	46	12	6	5	48	28	5	7	11	23	34	66	
Reading	46	10	9	4	33	21	5	10	8	24	32	64	
Shrewsbury	46	10	9	4	38	24	6	5	11	21	30	64	
Crews	46	10	8	5	32	24	5	9	9	24	29	63	
Brentford	46	11	4	8	41	31	7	3	13	25	35	61	
Leyton O.	46	9	6	8	28	24	7	4	12	24	32	59	
Mansfield	46	13	2	3	34	25	3	5	15	16	40	58	
Chester	46	11	7	5	30	23	2	8	13	13	32	54	
Swansea	46	10	6	7	25	27	4	6	13	20	36	53	
Wigan	46	10	6	7	29	22	3	8	12	19	42	53	
Preston	46	10	7	6	42	30	4	3	16	23	49	52	
Fulham	46	8	8	7	33	27	4	7	12	22	39	52	
Cardiff	46	6	9	8	30	35	6	5	12	21	35	50	
Northampton	46	7	7	9	27	31	4	7	12	24	37	49	
Blackpool	46	8	6	9	29	33	2	10	11	20	40	48	
Walsall	46	6	8	9	23	30	3	6	14	17	42	41	

UPDATE

TODAY'S REFEREE

P. JONES (Loughborough)

Mr. Jones commenced refereeing in 1975 progressing via Midland Intermediate League, Southern League, Panel Leagues onto Football League Linesman in 1984-85. He was appointed to Referees List in season 1988-89. He is married and employed as a marketing representative with British Telecom, his interests and hobbies include golf and horse racing



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5. Mark CAME
6. Mark WINSTANLEY
7. Scott GREEN
8. Steve THOMPSON
9. David REEVES
10. Tony PHILLISKIRK
11. Julian DARBY
- 12.
- 13.

TODAYS LINE UP

BRADFORD CITY

Gold & Red Shirts, Black Shorts

1. Paul TOMLINSON
2. Bryan MITCHELL
3. Brian TINNIION
4. Robbie JAMES
5. Gavin OLIVER
6. Lee SINNOTT
7. Lee DUXBURY
8. Greg ABBOTT
9. Sean McCARTHY
10. Mark LEONARD
11. Mark STUART
- 12.
- 13.

TODAYS OFFICIALS

REFEREE: P. JONES (Loughborough)
 LINESMEN: R. GUY (Red)
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